Demonstration by Trade Unions

4363. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade unions organised demonstrations before the ESI offices on 18th June, 1998 in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the issues involved in these demonstrations; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR(DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issues involved in the demonstration related inter alia to elimination of corruption/malpractices in the ESIC, maintenance of adequate supply of medicines in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries, initiation of drastic action against defaulting employers, grant of exemption to non-contributory schemes etc. Necessary action as provided under the ESI Act/rules is already being taken for redressal of the grievances.

Census for Women Agricultural Workers of Gujarat

4364. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got done a census about women agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the findings thereof, district-wise;

(c) what maternity and other facilities are available to the women agricultural workers of the State at present; and

(d) what other facilities are likely to be extended to them by Central and State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR(DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) No Census has been specifically conducted about women agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat. However, according to the 1991 Census, the total female agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat is 2,476,323. District-wise number of female agricultural workers is enclosed at statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Govt. of Gujarat, the facilities of the following schemes are extended to them;

(i) Group Insurance Scheme for land less Agricultural workers.

(ii) Shramik Suraksha Yojna.

(iii) Medical Assistance in serious diseases.

The following facilities are likely to be extended to them by the State Government in 9th Five year Plan:

(i) Assistance to women Dwacra Groups for the marketing of their products.

(ii) Assistance for the establishment of Voluntary Organisation of Rural Women Workers.

Statement

Total Female Agricultural Workers (Main+Marginal) in the State of Gujarat (District-wise):

S. No.	State/District	Female agricultural Workers
	GUJARAT	2,476,323
1.	Jamnagar	43,168
2.	Rajkot	69,165
3.	Surendranagar	84,311
4.	Bhavnagar	125,312
5.	Amreli	64,398
6.	Junagadh	110,611
7.	Kachchh	63,011
8.	Banas Kantha	134,822
9.	Sabar Kantha	140,766
10.	Mahesana	234,913
11.	Gandhinagar	15,869
12.	Ahmedabad	134,728
13.	Kheda	246,181
14.	Panch Mahals	250,501
15.	Vadodara	231,988
16.	Bharuch	153,092
17.	Surat	217,086
18.	Valsad	149,439
19.	The Dangs	6,962